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REMARKS

Claims 39, 49, 52, 55, 58, 60, 61, 63, 64 and 71 have been amended. Claims 1-38 have been previously cancelled. Claims 39-76 are now presented for examination.

Claims 39, 49, 52, 55, 58, 60, 61, 63, 64 and 71 have been amended to more closely resemble the originally presented claims, (see e.g., canceled claim 30). Accordingly, the restriction requirement has been obviated.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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